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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain notice and license display requirements applicable to massage therapy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 455.204, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1)  The license of a massage therapist that is posted under Subsection (b) must have a photograph of the massage therapist attached to the front of the license.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter E, Chapter 455, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 455.207 to read as follows:

Sec. 455.207.  POSTING OF CERTAIN NOTICES REQUIRED. (a) Each massage establishment and massage school shall display in the form and manner prescribed by the commission a sign concerning services and assistance available to victims of human trafficking.

(b)  The sign required by this section must:

(1)  be in English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, and any other language required by commission rule;

(2)  include a toll-free telephone number of a nationally recognized information and referral hotline for victims of human trafficking; and

(3)  be displayed in a conspicuous place clearly visible to the public.

(c)  The commission by rule shall establish requirements regarding the posting of signs under this section.

SECTION 3.  Not later than November 1, 2019, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act to Chapter 455, Occupations Code. The commission may adopt the rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules under Chapter 2001, Government Code.

SECTION 4.  Each massage establishment and massage school, as those terms are defined by Section 455.001, Occupations Code, shall comply with Sections 455.204(b-1) and 455.207, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, as applicable, not later than January 1, 2020.

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.